

Lack of efficiency of engineers

†2762. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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Will the Minister HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a statement made by Kiran Karnik, the Chief of National Association of the Software and Services Companies saying that there is lack of efficiency in the engineers inspite of their having degree in engineering;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to take concrete steps to raise the level of edcation in this directions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has raised the issue of employability of engineering graduates in India. A Working Group was constituted by the Ministry to examine the issues raised by NASSCOM. The Working Group has *inter alia* recommended Finishing Schools for engineering graduates to enhance their employability, changes in the syllabi of various engineering colleges so as to make them compatible with the needs of the industry, etc.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Himachal Pradesh

2763. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is being implemented successfully in all the districts of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of success of the scheme during the last three years;

(c) whether the scheme is supposed to bring to the State 100 per cent literacy;

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